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Dear FRS-Holland listener!

"FRS-News" - under this name we provide you with the latest FRS-Holland news. We aim to optimize the information towards our listeners. Not only *you* but also *we* as a radio station benefit from this. We can supply you with info concerning our previous broadcast(s) and inform about future plans. The latter will certainly mean (at least: we hope) **more listeners** tune in to our future broadcasts as you are informed ahead of the broadcast! This Newsheet enables us to tell you what's going on. For us the advantage is we don't need to repeat the same info in each personal letter. Everyone dropping us a line receives this general Newsheet and in addition you receive some **personal notes** as well providing you took the trouble to include some personal notes in your letter as well. In other words: *we'd love some personal info, criticism, comments etc. rather than only a standard pre-copied reception report.*

For only 6.00/ € 4.00/ US\$ 6.00 * you can subscribe to the **FRS Newsletter** for 12 months. It contains the most important SW Free Radio news, offshore news, News from around the World, Dutch media (radio) news, Internet and of course FRS-Holland infos. Each FRS Newsletter edition is *packed* with news. Normally sample copies cost 1.50/ € 1.00/ US\$ 2.00/ 2 irc's.

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Now some information concerning FRS-Holland's programmes which are based on *"a balance between music and infor-mation"* being the well-known FRS philosophy which has proved to be very popular and successful over the past 20 years!

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Hello and welcome in this third 2001 edition of FRS News not be confused with the FRS Newsletter. This one is for free and is entirely focused at FRS-Holland as a independent SW radio station. The *FRS Newsletter* is providing you with the latest news from the wonderful world of radio. Order a sample copy and you will discover it's worth reading....

FRS Broadcasting Activities

The past few months FRS carried out two broadcasts on SW. September 23rd we did a one hour broadcast on 7473 promoting the **24 hour marathon** which was planned for Sept. 29th/30th on 7450 kHz. We started at 16.40 UTC Sat Sept. 29th. Already that same day numerous E-mails from all parts of Europe convinced us that the signal quality was good. Sun morning there was only a carrier on 7450. In the night of Sat to Sun something had gone wrong with the double cassette deck. At 08.00 UTC/10.00 CEST pxs recommenced but the modulation disappeared at 10.00 UTC at a moment that deck B had to take over from deck A. Yes, the same problem as during the night. The problem could not be solved instantaneously. As a result the complete broadcast went out again a week later in the weekend of Oct. 6th/ 7th. The listeners' response was very good: we received a total of 65 letters/ E-mails. In the weekend of Oct. 6th/7th FRS carried out brief trms on various 48 mb freqs putting out a loop tape with a message refering at our 41 mb activities that weekend.

The **FRS 21st birthday** pxs were intended to go Sun Nov. 11th but we were forced to postpone that for one week. Unless the previous broadcasts, this one didn't progress as smoothly as we had been hoping for. It's obvious a birthday broadcast is something special, we put a lot of effort into this broadcast. It's quite understandable one hopes no problems occur during the transmission. The facts proved the opposite... Conditions were not what you would expect from a November month. Particularly the noise level was high. The broadcast started at 09.22 CET and prior to that non-stop music interspersed by FRS interval IDs were played on 6201. The modulation level proved to be much too low at the start and as a result the level was upped twice coming to an acceptable level at approx. 09.45 CET (though still not 100%). From that moment it looked like if things were ok. Signal strength was satisfactory looking at the propagation. At approx. 11.00 CET the signal was affected by QRM. We decided to slightly alter frequency from 6201 to 6199. That happened at 11.23 CET. At the same moment the signal improved and so did the mod quality. Everything looked fine but at 11.35 CET the QRM returned increasing to an unacceptable level. We decided



to move to the higher part of the 48 mb. Making use of a X-tal controlled tx, our choice was restricted to the x-tals which were available. Apart from a few others, 6240 and 6210 were unusable as these freqs or adjacent freqs were occupied. One thing we do not want is interfering with colleague stations. We had already kept an eye on 6286 but coincident or not, just before our proposed move to that channel. Alfa Lima signed on! A telephone call was made and we agreed with the RAL OP that he would clear 6284 (the freq he was on) at 12.10 CET. Thanks to him we could continue on 6286 doing the final part of the broadcast without any problems. Signal strength and mod were both excellent on 6286. Close down was at 14.15 CET. Although the above factors put their negative stamp upon our Birthday party, things weren't that dramatic. The mod problem and the QRM certainly did not dominate our entire broadcast. The mod level was upped fairly quick and our signal was far stronger than the QRM. When looking at the Email reports, we got a reliable impression (to a certain degree). Some 65% of the Emails generally indicated good reception despite the mod and QRM problems. Some reports described our signal as being very strong. It's a pity that some people did only mention 6200 while the final two hours were on 6286 in (very) good quality. But the fact remained that generally speaking we were not satisfied with the overall results on the 18th and thus a repeat was planned a week later, this time on 7470 kHz autumn broadcasts in our firm belief there is certainly a need for the kind of programming FRS is putting out. That strengthens our conviction to continue in 2002 with *quality programming on SW!*

Special QSL-Series

2002 will see the introduction of a special series of QSL cards. That means that you have to collect four different QSLs dedicated to one subject, each of them having its very own logo. All logos together make up a whole.

*May we take this opportunity to wish all of you
a prosperous & helathy 2002 (...with great radio
sounds coming out of your radio set...)*

Manfred Bredow

It was only a few weeks ago that we at FRSH were informed about the sudden death of Manfred Bredow. Who's Manfred Bredow? For some people it's just a name, but not for us. Many will know him as a very dedicated SW Free Radio DXer. When FRS-Holland started in the 1980 Summer, we quickly built up a large following in the GDR. Looking in the FRS logbook, it appears that his first letter to FRSH was written Dec. 14th 1980, 4 month after our start. And it is Dec. 1980 marking the start of a kind of friendship between Manfred and the FRS crew. The 75 letters we

41 metres. Starting at 08.20 UTC part of the Birthday pxs were repeated. Signal quality on 7472 (and the last 45 min. on 7475) was very good although we feel sorry our signal caused some splatter on 7480 where colleague station CWR was broadcasting. Of course we have never had and will never have any intention to cause interference to any of our colleague stations! Also the response for the birthday shows was stimulating with some very interesting, long letters. On the 24th/25th Nov. many listeners were surprised by a combined E.M.R./FRS trm on 7450 kHz. Several archive recordings from former London landbased pirates like R.Jackie, London Music Radio, Skyline Radio, Radio Kaleidoskop and R. Invicta were aired varied with pop music. Signal quality on 7450 was solid resulting in reception in the USA during nighttime. The 7450 trm was produced by E.M.R. In the not too distant future, FRS and E.M.R. will be doing a joint production on 41 metres with pxs in Swedish, French, Dutch, German and English. And after these October and November activities, the next broadcast is almost here: December 22nd/23rd FRS has planned a 5+ hour X-Mas broadcast going out on 7450 kHz. The X-Mas Season will also see at least one test to North America on 48 metres in the early morning hours. Possibly on the 23rd and the 30th December! Looking back to the

received in the 21 years of FRS broadcasts is the best prove for this strong tie. None of us ever met Manfred but all of us felt he was a very loyal FRS listener. Manfred died July 4th in the age of 41. Coincidence or not: today, Sun Sepr. 30th he would have become 42. We all are shocked by losing a one of our moth faithful listeners. We wish his family all the strength and courage they need in the upcoming period. And for a very final time we say: thank you Manfred for being a FRS-Holland listener for more than 20 years, thank you for your enormous support. may you rest in peace.

FRS Sales Productions

FRS Sales Productions offers you a wide range of video and audio tapes from radio stations all over the world. At this moment a great number of new recordings (more than 100 hours) are added to the list. We also try to finish off the video list. All prices in German Marks and Dutch guilders are converted into euros. In case you are interested in obtaining the complete brandnew FRS Sales Prod. Catalogue, then send 1.50/ 2 IRCs/ US \$2.00/ £ 1.00 to FRS Sales Productions, P.O.Box 2702, 6049 ZG Herten, the Netherlands. Special offers will be made via the quarterly FRS Newsletter and on the Internet. We offer tapes & videos for incredible prices, special discounts are given when ordering more than 5 tapes. And: recordings can also be obtained on MD or CD!! It's worth while to get hold of the

revised catalogue, so where are you waiting for?? The FRS SALES LIST 2001 contains hundreds of recordings from radio stations all over the world. It's also available via Email (attachment) in Ascii, Word or Corel WP9 format (free). It's worth while to get hold of the revised catalogue!!

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New: FRS E-News

We have introduced the E-(lectronic) News which will be forwarded

to all of you who are stored in our Internet addressbook. The E-News

will be sent on an irregular basis. Edition #2 was sent in July. Important: if you have an Email address and you would like to receive up-to-date FRS-Holland news, than send us your Email address and we will add it to our address book. By the way: our website will get a new, fresh look in future.

FRS-Holland Jingle CD

Early 2000 we introduced the FRS Jingle CD. Eversince numerous CDs were sent to people all over Europe. We received very positive

and enthusiastic response.. The FRS Jingle CD covers digitalized stuff covering almost 20 years of FRS *jingling* divided into eight sections. It starts with the early 80s and ends with the millennium set produced in 1999. 226 jingles for only DM 30 / £ 10 / f 30 / US\$ 15. You can send the money cash to our maildrop: P.O.Box 2702, 6049 ZG in Herten, the Netherlands. A great asset to your jingle collection....the FRS-Holland Jingle CD. **In case you are interested: we do offer a special Jingle CD info-sheet. Or: order the info via Email. Quick and easy.**

The phrase that pays

☞ During future shows we will mention the names of six FRS listeners. That means: each presenter mentions in his show two names, one in the first part and one in the later part using the slogan: **"Right now also.....(name listener)..... is listening to FRS-Holland"**. This item is not part of the DX-Show!! Any of those six persons hearing his name on air in the above slogan, must send us a letter telling us at what time his name was mentioned. He can win himself a free radio cassette recording making a choice from the comprehensive FRS Sales Productions catalogue.

We would like to thank you for your support and hope we may soon hear from you again!!

FRS-Holland, not just a station but a tradition**